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# This I Believe

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I believe in respect for others, I believe that everyone deserves respect just for being a human and I believe that everyone should be treated nicely on a daily basis. My mother always told me that I grew up as the friendliest and happiest child in the neighborhood. There was never a time when I would belittle or neglect another one of the kids because that was just who I was. Once I began to grow up I noticed around me that not everyone held the same view that I did. Throughout middle school and high school teasing and bullying were widespread. These acts caused many problems for the people that were the victims. Every day I was saddened by these events. I eventually got up the courage to go out of my way to talk with everyone and anyone just so that they knew I was a friend. I would do this because I respected them as a person and I knew that they didn't deserve to be treated that way. After a couple years of doing this it just became second nature. I naturally talked with almost everyone I come into contact with not just because I enjoy it but also because it can have an extremely positive effect on someone else's day. I talk with a huge amount of people every day during my job and if I can make one person's day better just because I was nice to them then my whole day was a success. I see too many adults acting negatively towards each other just over trivial things. If everyone would respect each other and act nicely towards one another this world would have a lot less hostility in it. I have continued to act that way and I will continue to act that way because I feel as though everyone should be treated with respect. Jackie Robinson once said, "I'm not concerned with you liking or disliking me... all I ask is that you respect me as a human being." All people deserve respect from others and This, I believe.